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1. Information Disclosure Statement

2. Form PTO-1449 with (4) accompanying documents.

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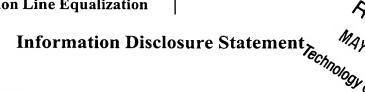
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